

But the Lord answers the question. "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered." Let us note an instructive analogy. This is an enslaved, a captive world. Moreover the captivity is a lawful one, for bondage and death are the legitimate results of sin. Satan and death can lay a legal claim to their victims. Death is the just sentence of the law, and we are all under its condemnation. How universal is the power of this destroyer, how numerous his agents, how wide his dominion. Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

God gives the answer of hope and victory. Israel *was* delivered from the apparently hopeless Chaldean bondage. The hundred brazen gates of Babylon gave up their thralls.

And in Christ's redemption on the cross, there was wrought another notable deliverance. The captives of sin and Satan were set free, and brought home rejoicing. Again in his resurrection we witness still another notable deliverance of the captives of death. The mighty and the terrible are forced to give up their lawful slaves. See the rejoicing multitudes returning to Zion. Hear their shouts of gladness and victory. Are you one of them, or do you still languish in the house of bondage?

Church News

Kanemorado District

Since my return home from the east my time has been wholly taken up in arranging for the years' work imposed upon me by the district conference. Our first work will be a few meetings in our home church, commencing October 15th. We would again invite correspondence from all those places desirous of meetings and we will book their requests and visit them as soon as practical. There are a few places promised during last year which we feel rightly should have the preference and my first time in the work. We expect to try as far as it is possible to give our whole time to the work and we hope the churches will respond with the means for carrying on the work. Our district secretary as well as our president are ardent mission workers and will, I am persuaded, aid all in their power to promote the district work. Our field is a large one and much expense is attached to the canvassing of it. We sincerely hope to have the earnest cooperation of all the friends of the mission work in the district.

The forty cents per capita as agreed upon in district conference will render it very easy for a church to determine the amount expected of it, but the method of raising said amount was left to the church exclusively. This leaves all discretionary power in the church which is presumed to know the financial status of its members better than any conference could determine. Brethren of the district, will you make the spiritual needs of our district a matter of special prayer?

There are so many little classes needing

help and encouragement. While there are places that new organizations may be established if proper efforts are put forth. We know difficulty attends all this work, but life from the cradle to the grave is a struggle with difficulties. The old maxim, "Where there is a will there is a way" applies in our district work. Let us all implore God earnestly for the will in the matter and there need be no fears but the Lord will open up the way.

Yours for success,

A. J. HIXSON.

Meyersdale, Pa.

The Meyersdale, Pa., congregation celebrated their fall love feast on the evening of October 9th. One hundred and eight communed including one private communion. Brother J. H. Knepper, our pastor, commenced meeting on the evening of the 4th and continued to Sunday the 9th, six sermons, resulting in eleven additions, seven by baptism, one by relation, and three by letter. This makes twenty-four additions to the Meyersdale congregation during the six months of the present pastorate. Seemingly we are at peace and harmony and the outlook for the future is promising.

J. M. OLINGER, Sec.

Report of the Illiokota Conference held at Garrison, Iowa, Oct. 4 to 6

Convention called to order Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 2 P. M. Devotional service was led by brother John Myers. Sermon by brother E. L. Hildebrand on, "Holy Spirit and His Work." A character sketch of Holy Spirit, His coming and work in early church. Adjourned.

The evening services were opened with prayer service, led by brother J. E. Braker. Devotional service was then led by brother C. Rowland, of Lanark, Ill. Sermon by sister Clara Flora, Dallas Center, Iowa.

Committee on Committees appointed as follows: Eli Hoover, E. L. Hildebrand and John Myers. Committee reported Credential committee as follows: Jos. Blough, Jerry Peck and Brother Danger. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY, 8:30 A. M.

Devotional services led by Sister Gibbons. Address of welcome by brother Eli Hoover. Responses of delegates.

Elected the following officers to fill vacancy: President, brother J. O. Talley; secretary, brother E. L. Hildebrand; ass't. secretary, Etta Lichty, followed by a discussion of "How to organize and maintain a good Sabbath-school," by brother J. L. Gillin.

Committee on committees reported Brothers Livengood, Connell and Gillin, a committee on Program. Royal Army plan was presented and favorably discussed by Brother Talley; also by a number of others.

Report of Credential committee: Aurelia and Marcus, J. E. Braker; Brooklyn, H. H. Connell; Chicago, Sadie Gibbons; Dallas Center and Leon, Clara Flora; Enon, J. J.

Peck, Etta Lichty, Josiah Lichty, C. W. Landis, Simon Shaules, J. L. Gillin; Garrison, Mrs. J. T. Urice; Hudson, S. B. Gillin, E. L. Hildebrand; Lanark, C. Rowland and wife, Z. T. Livengood; Milledgeville, J. Blough, J. O. Talley; Millersburg, J. A. Myers, W. H. Sanger; Waterloo, J. M. Lichty, Lizzie Hildebrand. Meeting adjourned.

1:30 P. M.

Devotional service led by Brother Blough, Milledgeville, Ill.

Bible study conducted by Brother Livengood. Subject: The Holy Spirit in the church, the Sunday-school and Young People's Work. Outlined as follows: 1. What will it do for the church? 2. How shall we obtain Him? 3. How shall we treat Him?

J. L. Gillin read an able paper on, Christ in the Law and Prophecy. It was moved by Brother Blough and seconded by Brother Livengood that Brother Gillin's paper be published in the EVANGELIST. Carried.

Query box:

1. Can there be a church of Jesus Christ without the Holy Ghost? to J. E. Braker. Answer,—Decidedly, no.

2. What limitations should be placed on the granting of church letters? to Z. T. Livengood. Answer,—Only to members in good standing.

3. Where should a minister hold his membership? to E. L. Hildebrand. Answer,—In the church he serves.

4. Does the Brethren church hold up the New Testament to the disregard of the old? to J. L. Gillin. Answer,—No.

5. What disposition if any, should be made with backsliders? to J. L. Gillin. Answer,—Convert them. We are here to help save sinners, not make them.

6. What is the gospel teaching on the care of the weak churches? to J. O. Talley. Answer,—Answered by District evangelist. Report Adjournment.

7:30 P. M.

Devotional services led by Jerry Peck, Waterloo, Iowa.

Sermon, by Brother J. O. Talley.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8:30 P. M.

Devotional services led by Brother Gillin. Brother D. S. Lichty was re-elected treasurer of Mission Board. District Evangelist,—Brother Talley, gave his report, which is appended and ordered printed. On motion, the treasurer's report was accepted.

Report

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| Aug. 21, '97, Balance on hand, | \$ 34 16 |
| Dec. 29, To J. A. Barth, | \$ 3 55 |
| Oct 1, '98, Balance, | 30 61 |

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D. S. LICHTY, Treasurer.

On motion, Bro. Talley was elected as District evangelist, by acclamation. General discussion of Missionary work by sister Sadie Gibbons. Fund for destitute children, paid in, \$4.44; amount paid out, \$4.40. Com-